

Attention High School Students

Metro Public Health Department Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

Application Form

The Youth Advisory Board is the premier youth advisor on public health issues affecting young people in Nashville. Their mission is "to serve as an advisory body of youth to the Metro Public Health Department and its Board, and promote youth awareness and knowledge of health in the community".

Each year the Youth Advisory Board begins looking for new members. The YAB is looking for 13 responsible, outgoing, creative, high school aged young people interested in fine-tuning leadership skills and helping the community.

So, if you like speaking-up, want to make a difference in Nashville and would like to be part of this fun and exciting group, please fill out **BOTH SIDES** of the application and fax, mail or deliver no later than Friday, August 29, 2003 to:

Jennifer Kosinski, YAB Adult Coordinator
Metro Public Health Dept
311 23rd Ave N, Room 310
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 340-2770

Or fax to: (615) 340-2195 Attn: Jennifer Kosinski

IMPORTANT DATE:

Application Deadline: Friday, August 29, 2003

YAB members are expected to attend 80% of board meetings and five functions: Mayor's First Day of School Event, Job Shadow Day, Incredible Baby Shower, and two YAB Retreats. Also, new members will participate in an initiative called Project ASK (see below). Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month.

Other YAB Initiatives/Sponsored Events:

- Project ASK: Adolescents Seeking Knowledge-Members select a research-based public health issue affecting Nashville's teens, assess the problem, mobilize the community, formulate a plan, implement a project, and present your findings to the community. (Last year's issue: Teen Body Image and Weight)-Requires two Saturday mornings each month, (9:00AM-12:00PM) October-March. A new issue will be selected.
- Mayor's Youth Summit-Fall/Winter
- Teen Talk: Teen Talk was a collaboration between the Mayor's Youth Summit, Channel 3 and the MPHD Youth Advisory Board that worked together to create youth focused prevention public service announcements for television and internet. Last year Teen Talk created two PSAs; one on healthy eating and the other on healthy body image. You can view both PSAs on the Nashville Government Mayor's Youth Council Website.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address _____

Cell Phone: _____

School Attending: _____

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Grade: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian:_____

Please list any extracurricular activities you will participate in this year (Please indicate day and time this activity occurs or will occur.)

We have attached a short 1/2 page area below for you to write a brief statement so we can get to know you better. The topic is: What is Public Health? What impact do you hope to make on the health of teens in Nashville? What strengths do you bring?

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Interview Schedule: In order to evaluate interested youth, we are planning to interview each candidate on Saturday, September 6, 2003. You will be interviewed in groups of 10 or less. We will call you sometime after the August 29 deadline to set up your interview time. (Please circle two potential times you will be available on the 6th).

10:00-11:00

11:00-12:00

1:00-2:00

2:00-3:00

3:00-4:00

If you have any questions about the MPHD Youth Advisory Board feel free to contact:

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